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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily to the examination of this application, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Please amend the application as follows.

Delete claims 1 to 39. Add claims 40 to 63 as follows.

40. A method of treating or preventing a disease state selected from: depression, panic disorder, pre-menstrual syndrome, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, social phobia and adolescent depression, which comprises administering an effective or prophylactic amount of paroxetine methanesulfonate in crystalline form having the following characteristic IR peaks: 1603, 1194, 1045, 946, 830, 601, 554, and 539 ± 4 cm⁻¹.

41. A method of treating or preventing a disease state selected from: depression, panic disorder, pre-menstrual syndrome, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, social phobia and adolescent depression, which comprises administering an effective or prophylactic amount of paroxetine hydrochloride / formed by conversion of paroxetine methanesulfonate, as described in claim 40, by contacting said paroxetine methanesulfonate with hydrochloric acid.